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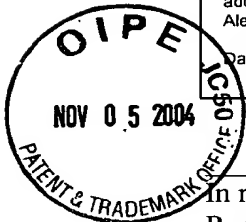
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a non-final Office Action dated July 7, 2004, a response to which was due on October 7, 2004. Applicants are concurrently requesting a one-month extension. Accordingly, the deadline for filing a response is now Monday, November 8, 2004. Therefore, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.